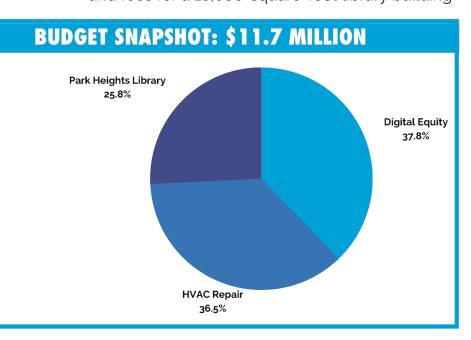
## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

## Mayor Scott Announces \$11.7 Million Toward Expanding Library Services and Completing Renovations

Mayor Brandon M. Scott has awarded **\$11.7 million** in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to the **Enoch Pratt Free Library** to advance digital equity, update HVAC systems at prioritized City libraries, and help build a new library in the Park Heights community.

This ARPA investment will support:

- \$4.4 Million to Advance Digital Equity
  - **Pratt Anywhere** Pair access to equipment with programming focused on building and exercising skills necessary for the 21st-century digital economy
  - Digital Navigators Hire and certify digital navigators to offer visitors one-on-one technical support to respond to the increasing service demand
  - **Reimagining Public Computer Spaces** Redesign traditional "computer banks" into innovative, creative, and entrepreneurial spaces for the community
  - Outdoor Connectivity Expansion Enhance the ability of residents to access free Wi-Fi
    by improving the outdoor spaces, including landscape improvements, new lighting, and
    new permanent fixtures that enable visitors to work and charge devices outside of
    library operating hours
- \$4.25 Million for HVAC Repair
  - Baltimore City Department of General Services will partner with Enoch Pratt Free Library to replace aging HVAC systems at prioritized locations
- \$3 Million for the Building of a New Park Heights Library
  - Funding will go towards design and development, construction, furnishings, site work, and fees for a 16,000-square-foot library building



## **SUMMARY:**

- \$4.4 Million to Advance Digital Equity
- \$4.25 Million for HVAC Repair in Enoch Pratt Free Library Facilities
- \$3 Million Toward
   Building Park Heights
   Community Library

For more information about the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs and for updates on ARPA Funding, please visit arp.baltimorecity.gov

